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ECONOMIC DEFENSE DIVISION

Mission

To provide economic intelligence regarding the Soviet bloc and its relations with other countries as needed for policy decisions and operating programs by agencies of the Government charged with the administration of economic defense legislation and policy directives.

References: Export Control Act of 1949 (P.L. 11, 81st Congress); Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act of 1951 (P.L. 213, 82nd Congress); "U. S. Policies and Programs in the Economic Field Which May Affect the War Potential of the Soviet Bloc" (NSC 104/2).

Functions

1. To develop, in cooperation with specialists in other Divisions, intelligence on the strategic importance to the Soviet bloc of specific commodities and industries.
2. To develop intelligence on the strategic trade of the Soviet bloc.
3. To provide intelligence for the development and application of economic defense measures against the Soviet bloc.
4. To maintain a central interagency reference service covering current transactions which are, or are suspected of being, in evasion of free-world economic defense measures.
5. To mobilize intelligence about foreign firms and individuals engaged in financial or foreign trade transactions with the Soviet bloc contrary to U. S. security interests.
6. To furnish the Chairman and Secretariat of the Intelligence Working Group.
7. To furnish agency representation on interagency committees and working groups in the economic defense field.
8. To prepare collection requirements in support of the functions outlined above and evaluations of intelligence materials as requested.

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COMMODITIES BRANCH

Mission

To provide agencies of the Government with intelligence on the strategic importance to the Soviet bloc of specific commodities and industries.

Functions

1. To develop, in cooperation with specialists in other Divisions, intelligence on the Soviet bloc with regard to specific commodities and industries: uses, production, stocks, imports, exports, and substitutes.
2. To analyze intelligence materials for indications of specific commodity shortages and their effects within the Soviet bloc.
3. To furnish Agency representation on interagency committees and working groups on matters primarily within the mission of the Branch.
4. To prepare collection requirements in support of the functions outlined above and evaluations of intelligence materials as requested.

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STRATEGIC TRADE BRANCH

Mission

To provide agencies of the Government with intelligence on the strategic trade of the Soviet bloc.

Functions

1. To examine intelligence materials for indications of transactions in evasion or possible evasion of free-world economic defense measures.
2. To bring urgent cases to the attention of action agencies and inter-agency working groups, when appropriate.
3. To develop supplementary intelligence on individual cases as required.
4. To maintain a central interagency reference service covering such transactions.
5. To examine Soviet bloc trade negotiations and trading arrangements for indications of Soviet bloc procurement intentions.
6. To analyze Soviet bloc procurement efforts involving strategic commodities, with respect to such elements as methods, trends and results.
7. To develop intelligence on the movements of strategic commodities between the Soviet bloc and other countries.
8. To mobilize intelligence about foreign firms and individuals engaged in financial or foreign trade transactions with the Soviet bloc contrary to U. S. security interests.
9. To furnish Agency representation on interagency committees and working groups on matters primarily within the mission of the Branch.
10. To prepare collection requirements in support of the functions outlined above and evaluations of intelligence materials as requested.

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MEASURES BRANCH

Mission

To provide agencies of the Government with intelligence for the development and application of economic defense measures against the Soviet bloc.

Functions

1. To provide intelligence for the development and application against the Soviet bloc of economic defense measures such as export, transport, financial, and import controls, blacklisting, and preclusive buying.
2. To produce intelligence on the effectiveness of existing economic defense measures and the vulnerability of the Soviet bloc to additional measures.
3. To serve as a central reference point within CIA for information on (a) the economic defense policies, measures, and programs of the U. S. and other non-bloc countries and (b) the status and results of international negotiations on economic defense measures.
4. To furnish Agency representation on interagency committees and working groups on matters primarily within the mission of the Branch.
5. To prepare collection requirements in support of the functions outlined above and evaluations of intelligence materials as requested.

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SPECIAL SUPPORT STAFF

Mission

To assist the Division Chief and Branch Chiefs in planning and coordinating Division and IWG intelligence production and support work, and in substantive and editorial review of Division and IWG working papers and reports.

Functions

1. To examine economic defense policies and programs, and to plan and arrange priorities for the production of intelligence by the Division and the IWG in view of such policies and programs.
2. To coordinate the production of economic defense intelligence.
3. To provide for substantive and editorial review and approval for release of Division and IWG working papers and reports.
4. To furnish the Secretariat of the Intelligence Working Group.